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INVESTING IN A STRONG FOREIGN POLICY

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**Wednesday, February 20, 2013
23:00 Thailand time**



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry will make his first major public address on Wednesday, February 20, at the University of Virginia – founded by Thomas Jefferson, America’s first Secretary of State.

Ahead of his first overseas trip, Secretary Kerry will speak directly to the American people about the value of President Obama’s investments in a strong foreign policy. In particular, Secretary Kerry will discuss how a relatively small investment in U.S. foreign policy and diplomatic efforts results in a big return for America’s economy and security, and that American businesses and citizens have a stake in the ongoing debate about the nation’s budget priorities.

Secretary Kerry’s remarks in Charlottesville, Virginia, will be the first in a series of domestic addresses he plans to deliver as Secretary to report to the American people about his discussions abroad and their impact back home.

**Watch Secretary Kerry's speech live [here](#)
on Wednesday, February 20, 2013
at 23:00 Thailand time (11:00 a.m. EST)!**

SELECTED READINGS

"Five Ways John Kerry Can Transform US Foreign Policy Toward Asia"

[Matt Stumpf](#). Asia Society, February 5, 2013, 3 pages.

With its economic vitality and deep-seated security challenges, there is no region more important for American prosperity and security in the 21st century than Asia. At a potentially transformative time for the region, though, American and Asian leaders need to work together to set transformative goals. The author, Asia Society D.C. Office Director, offers five ways Secretary Kerry can start.

Read the full article: <http://asiasociety.org/blog/asia/five-ways-john-kerry-can-transform-us-foreign-policy-toward-asia>

"John Kerry Will Face Significant Challenges"

[Michael E. O'Hanlon](#). Brookings, December 21, 2012, 2 pages.

Secretary Kerry's challenge is to help President Obama navigate some very demanding shoals in the four years ahead. They may be tougher than those the president had to face in his first four years. The author, Director of Research for the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution, examines the challenges Secretary Kerry will face.

Read the full article:

<http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/12/21-us-secretary-state-kerry-ohanlon>

"Senator John Kerry's Confirmation Hearing Statement"

[John F. Kerry](#). U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, January 24, 2013, 7 pages.

Senator John Kerry offers view of U.S. role in more interconnected world during his confirmation hearing at the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, on January 24, 2013.

Read the full transcript:

<http://www.foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/John%20F%20Kerry%20Testimony.pdf>

"John Kerry as Secretary of State"

[Tamara Cofman Wittes](#). *BBC Newshour*, February 6, 2013.

In an interview with BBC Newshour, Tamara Cofman Wittes discusses John Kerry's role as the next secretary of state.

Listen to the full audio: <http://www.brookings.edu/research/interviews/2013/02/06-kerry-state-wittes#> (2:56)

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